

SB

184

**HOUSE CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 184(STA)
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION**

BY THE HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

**Offered:
Referred:**

**Sponsor(s): SENATORS FRENCH, Egan
REPRESENTATIVE Kerttula**

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to public access to legislative committee meetings during regular**
2 **legislative sessions by Internet broadcast."**

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 *** Section 1. AS 24.05 is amended by adding a new section to read:**

5 **Sec. 24.05.186. Access to committee meetings by Internet broadcast.** Each
6 room that is regularly used during regular legislative sessions for meetings of
7 committees of the legislature shall be equipped with a fixed camera capable of
8 producing an audio and video feed without an operator once turned on. During regular
9 sessions of the legislature, each meeting of a standing, special, joint, or permanent
10 interim committee that is held in a room with a fixed camera shall be recorded and the
11 live feed made immediately available to the public through Internet broadcast so that
12 the public may easily observe and listen to the meeting while it is in progress.
13 However, periods when a committee is in executive session, in recess, or at ease may
14 not be recorded, nor may a live audio or video feed of those periods be made available

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to the public through Internet broadcast. The electronic recordings produced by a fixed camera under this section are not public records and are not required to be retained or stored.

AMENDMENT # /

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE

BY REPRESENTATIVE SEATON

TO: SB 184

1 Page 1, line 10:

2 Delete ", except for executive sessions,"

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4 Page 1, line 13, following "progress.":

5 Insert "However, periods when a committee is in executive session, in recess, or at
6 ease may not be recorded, nor may a live audio or video feed of those periods be made
7 available to the public through Internet broadcast."

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Re Draft final CS for SB 184

4/15/10

SB 184 moved from House State Affairs Committee this morning amended. Please draft a final CS incorporating the following amendment.

Amendment #1 (Seaton)
26-LS0833\A.1

Alaska State Legislature



Senator Hollis French

SB 184 – INTERNET ACCESS TO LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Sponsor Statement

Senate Bill 184 is meant to bring the workings of the legislature to every computer in Alaska. The legislation would place a webcam in every room where committee meetings are held in the State Capitol. This would ensure that Alaskans can see their legislature in action, live via internet, whenever a scheduled meeting takes place.

These webcams will add to currently available media resources in the capitol. Gavel to Gavel - partly funded by the city of Juneau – provides excellent video coverage of select committee meetings, but the service doesn't have the capacity to cover all proceedings. The current draft of the bill won't replace or duplicate the valuable service provided by Gavel to Gavel, which can be viewed on cable TV networks across the state. Instead, it will ensure that all meetings have video coverage, while also providing a broadcast to anyone with internet access.

Washington, Florida and Texas have recently implemented similar web based initiatives. We know the technology is available. Senate Bill 184 would put this technology to work for Alaskans who want to follow their state government in action.



PUBLIC BROADCASTING
FROM ALASKA'S CAPITAL

January 27, 2010

Senator Linda Menard
Senate State Affairs Committee
Alaska State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Senator Menard:

I am writing regarding SB 184, Internet Access to Legislative Committee Hearings. We understand that the bill would provide for the installation of webcams and live video streams from committee rooms.

As the producer of Gavel to Gavel Alaska, we support steps to improve electronic access to state government. One of our long term goals is to install broadcast quality television cameras throughout the capitol, to enable us to provide video on demand of all official Legislative proceedings. SB 184 would provide a good demonstration of such a service, and we stand ready to work with Legislative staff on the project, to provide a seamless, easy to use service for Alaska citizens.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if I can provide more information.

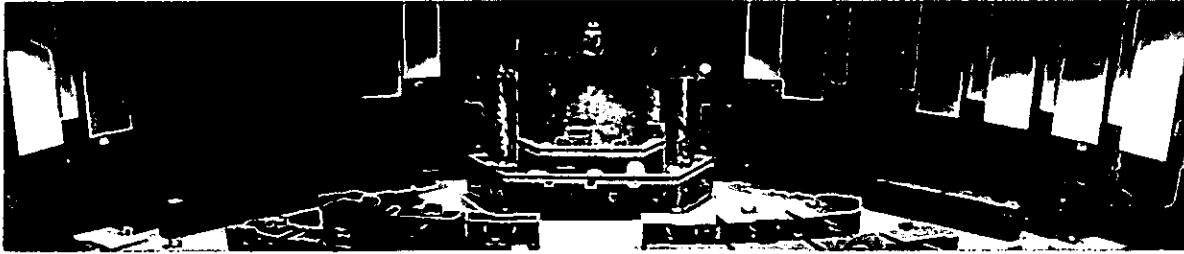
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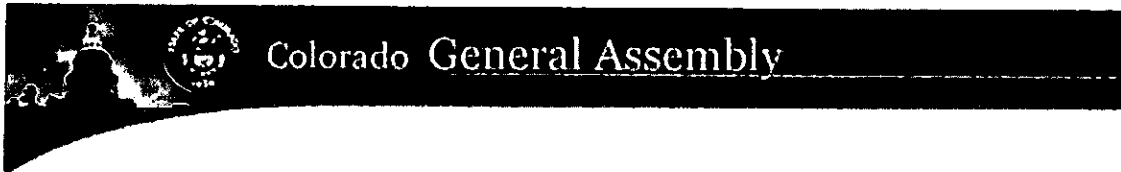
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FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2010 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: 2
 Bill Version: SB 184
 (S) Publish Date: 4/10/10

Identifier (file name): _____ Dept. Affected: Legislature
 Title Relating to public access to legislative committee meetings RDU Legislative Council
during regular legislative sessions by Internet... Component Administrative Services
 Sponsor Sen. French
 Requester Senate Finance Committee Component Number 780

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

	Appropriation Required	Information						
		FY 2011	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
OPERATING EXPENDITURES								
Personal Services								
Travel								
Contractual								
Supplies								
Equipment								
Land & Structures								
Grants & Claims								
Miscellaneous								
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES								
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ()								
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts								
1003 GF Match								
1004 GF								
1005 GF/Program Receipts								
1037 GF/Mental Health								
Other Interagency Receipts								
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2010) cost: _____

POSITIONS

Full-time								
Part-time								
Temporary								

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Prepared by: Senate Finance Committee Phone 465-3873/465-4453
Co-Chair Bert Stedman/Co-Chair Lyman Hoffman Date/Time _____

Approved by: _____ Date 4/6/2010

Senator Hollis French


Capitol Room 417
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MEMORANDUM

Date: 4/12/10

To: Representative Bob Lynn, Chair
House State Affairs Committee

From: Senator Hollis French 

RE: Request for Hearing -- SB 184

This is a request that you schedule a hearing on SB 184 "Internet Access to Legislative Committee Meetings" at the earliest possible date.

I have attached a sponsor statement, fiscal note, a sectional summary, a copy of the bill, and additional support materials for your use.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Kate Herring in my office at 465-4923. I appreciate your consideration.

Attachments